



Regular meeting of the city council

Nov. 5th 1907

Hon. FM Maddox, Mayor presiding

Roll Call

Present: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Smith, and Wilhelm

Absent: Alderman in Meredith, Moreland, Redd, and Scott

Petitions, etc.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Memorial

Austin Texas October 25, 1907

To the Hon. FM Maddox, Mayor and members of the City Council, Austin:

Gentlemen:

Whereas, it is known that the City Council of Austin has let out a contract for the building a retaining wall at the foot of Congress Avenue to a Mr. R V Dixon and Company, who are known to be unfair to organized labor. Therefore, be it resolved that the trades Council representatives of the union people of Austin request the city council to reconsider their action in letting of this contractor and give the preference to a contractor who is fair to organized labor.

Most respectfully submitted
R J McClendon
RCM McClendon
JB Nitschke
C J Armstrong
August Free

The above resolution was adopted unanimously at a special meeting of the Austin Trades
October 25, 1907

Seal	Attests	W H Crow, president ES Slaughter, Recorder
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On Motion the memorial was laid over subject to call.

By Alderman Petri Mrs. V. Clark, asking to have certain pound fees refunded. Read and motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Alderman Moore petition of the Marks Grain Co., asking permission to place cars on sidetracks in front of lot 12, lot 42, on Fourth Street.

On Motion petition was granted.

Reports of City Officers

The mayor laid before the council reports of the Assessor and Collector, the Clerk, the Marshall, and the Sexton, for the month of October 1907, which were on motion referred to their appropriate committees without reading.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Cuneo for the Ordinance committee to whom was referred the Pure Food Ordinance, presented a verbal report stating that the committee would offer a substitute for said ordinance, which would come up under the head of new business.

Alderman Petri for the Claim and Accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Agnes and Mr. Longly asking correction of assessment presented a report recommending that the petition be granted.

On motion and report was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of J O Lutley to correct assessment, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, and that the Assessor and Collector be notified to make the changes requested

The report of the committee was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Claim and Accounts committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$355.35 for the purpose of refunding unearned licenses to parties who have quit business (saloon) presents a report recommending that the ordinance do not pass, except for the sum of \$18.20 the same being to refund to Julius Keufer for the amount claimed by him. The report of the committee was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the claim of Mrs. A Dial for damages, presented a report recommending that the claim be rejected.

On Motion report was adopted.

Alderman Moreland for the Printing Committee made a verbal report stating that the committee had advertised for, and received bids for newspaper and job printing for the next year, and recommended that the newspaper printing be awarded to the Statesman, and that the mayor be authorized to enter into contracts with that paper at the price named in their bid, he further reported that the committee had rejected all bids for job printing

On motions the report was adopted.

Alderman Armstrong for the Hospital Committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Commissioners Court of Travis County regarding the maintenance and support of the city and county hospital presented the following report.

Austin Texas

November 4, 1907

To his Honor Mayor and members of City Council of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:

We, your hospital committee, to whom was referred the proposition of the Commissioners Court of Travis County with reference to the maintenance and support of the city and county hospital, and signed by Jon W. Hornsby county judge in Travis County, on behalf of said Commissioner court, on behalf of said commissioner be leave to submit that we have carefully gone over, and considered the proposition made by the commissioners Court of Travis County for the maintenance and support, which said proposition made by said commissioners Court was as follows.

Towit: "The county to take charge and control of the county and city hospital and employ all help and purchase all necessary supplies. The city and county to share equally in the expense of the operation of said institution; no patient to be admitted to said county and city hospital except on order of the Commissioners Court or County Judge."

We think this proposition in part is fair, and we are willing to submit, and herewith submit a counter proposition, embodying what we consider to be a fair and equitable proposition, and which we think will be so considered by all interested parties. The feature of the proposition which seems to us unfair and unjust is that the city of Austin be not permitted to have patients admitted into the hospital except upon order of the commissioner's court.

This, we think, would put the city of Austin in an awkward position with reference to the sick and afflicted. It is not always convenient, nor possible to find a member of the Commissioners Court nor is the court always in session and, as is the case very often, it became necessary to admit into the hospital a patient for treatment, it would be both inhuman and inconvenient for a member of the city to government to first look up and obtain a permit from a member of the Commissioners Court before the patient could be admitted into the city hospital.

Again, cases arise where it would be impossible to determine whether a patient was city or county patient, yet at the same time dictates of humanity and conscience would say that that patient should not be kept exposed and waiting medical treatment until the pleasure of the Commissioners Court, or until the city and some representative of the Commissioners Court should determine whether or not it was a city or a county patient.

The city of Austin pays more than two-thirds of the taxes for general purposes that are received by Travis County, While we're still willing to meet you half way in the support and maintenance of the institution which we all agree is necessary, still we did not think that we should pay one half of the expenses, two-thirds of the taxes, and permit you to dictate all the officers of the institution and the patients as well. We submit for your consideration the following proposition towit:

The city of Austin will turn over to the Commissioners Court of Travis County the management and control of the city and county hospital with the privileges of electing each and every officer and attendants necessary in the management thereof, and city of Austin to retain the same right of placing patients in the hospital as does the county.

In consideration of which the city of Austin shall share equally with Travis County the expense of maintaining a hospital, including the pay of each and every officer.

In making any improvement on the hospital deemed necessary by the county, it shall first be determined by committee of two appointed from the Commissioners Court, together with a committee of two appointed by the City Council, as to whether or not such improvement shall be necessary and if said committees so composed shall deem it necessary, then the city shall be liable for 50 percent of said improvements. In case the improvements deemed necessary repairs shall amount to less than \$250.00, it shall not be necessary to appoint said committee, but the county may make such improvements without the consent or consultation with the city. This proposition, if accepted, to be in force and effect to April first 1909 from and after December 1, 1907

We ask the Council to submit the above proposition to the Commissioners Court, and to most sincerely recommend that, after a through investigation of the subject and a fair and impartial view of the matter, it does seem to us that the above proposition will meet the views of any fair and impartial body of men, and that it is the only reasonable proposition upon which the city and county hospital can be maintained.

Respectfully submitted

C. J. E. Armstrong

C J Cuneo

Henry Petri

On motions the report of the committee was adopted, and on motion the special committee was continued and directed to present the proposition submitted by the committee in its report to the Commissioners Court.

Alderman Redd and Scott entered the Council chamber.

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee made a verbal report, as to how the building was progressing.

Mr. J C Goeth, chairman of the Paving Committee, presented the following:

Austin Texas November 4, 1907

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Austin Texas:

Sirs: we hereby recommend, as per resolution passed by your Paving Committee, that \$250 out of permanent paving fund be loaned to Street Committee, to be refunded to us on demand, for opening West 27 Street

Yours respectfully

Joe Harrell, secretary

A C Goeth, chairman

On Motion the communication was laid over to come up with the resolution on the subject.

Mr. A.C. Goeth, for the Paving Committee presented the following communication:

Austin Texas November 4th 1907

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Austin Texas

Sirs: We recommend that \$75 out of permanent paving fund be paid to Mr. A G Feris to complete Street profiles as per communication directed to a AC Goeth, chairman Street Paving Committee.

Joe Harrell, Secretary Paving Committee

The mayor laid before the Council the following communication, which was read and ordered filed.

Austin Texas October 28th 1907

To the City Council Austin Texas

Gentleman: I am instructed by the Water, Light, and Power Commission of the city of Austin to return you herewith the amended Dam ordnance, passed by your body on October 16th, 1907, without its approval:

Respectfully

George L. Hume, President
Water, Light, and Power
Commission

By Alderman Scott, petition of Mrs. Kate B. Bahn, asking for some street work.

Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Redd, petition of citizens of Fair View Park, asking for street work.

Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council reports from the City Attorney, regarding blockade of the streets by railroad cars, which was read and ordered filed.

New business

By alderman Cuneo, an ordnance providing for the sale of pure food stuffs, etc.

Dr. Matthews of the Board of Health was invited to address the Council on the ordinance.

After remarks by Dr. Matthews, Alderman Crooker moved that the ordinance be considered by section, which motion prevailed.

Section one was read and adopted.

Section two was read and adopted.

Section three was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, and Smith

Nays: Alderman Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, and Wilhelm.

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 were read and adopted.

Section 18 was read by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: Alderman Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, and Scott

Section 19 and was read and adopted.

Section 20 was read and adopted by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: Alderman Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, and Scott

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: Redd

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following the vote:

Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, and Wilhelm

On motion Alderman Cuneo was excused from further attendance at this session.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin, that the City Treasurer of the city of Austin be and he is hereby requested to transfer from the permanent paving fund to the credit of the Street improvement fund, the sum of \$250, such sum to be returned to the Paving fund by the city upon demand.

By Alderman Scott, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250 for the purpose of grading down West 27th Street. The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rules and place it on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: Alderman Petri

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,340 for the purpose of paying the per diem of the Board of Equalization:

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: none

On motion the City Attorney was excused from further attendance at this session of the council.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Be resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin, the regular meetings of the City Council, be called hereafter at 8 o'clock p.m.

Alderman Smith offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Whereas, It often becomes necessary for the mayor to issue order for transportation of suffering and indigent persons out of the city, before action of the Council can be had: and

Therefore, be it resolved, that the mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue such transportation orders with the consent of the Finance Committee, when deemed necessary.

Alderman Petri offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Whereas, on the __ day of __ 1907 the City Council of the city of Austin appropriated the sum of \$20 to C W Jones for damages done wagon, harness, and horses by North Austin fire wagon, and

Whereas, the said Jones lost said warrant in the mail but payment was stopped at the City Treasury.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin that a duplicate warrant be drawn for said Jones for said amount.

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75 for the purpose of paying A G Feris for completing the data gathered last summer, etc.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm.

Nays: none

The mayor announced that he had appointed Alderman Redd as one of the Paving Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

Jon O Johnson

City Clerk